

Through a Bridge

AN ENTIRE PASSENGER TRAIN
PLUNGED INTO A RIVER.

More Than Twenty Lives Lost

The Exact Number Unknown
As the Wreckage Took

Fire and the Dead Bodies Were

Entirely Consumed—One of the

Survivors Says That the

Wreck Was the Work of Train

Wreckers.

MANHATTAN, Dec. 29.—A special to The Commercial Appeal from Birmingham, Ala., says: Flaming in human form, wrecked Birmingham Mineral passenger train No. 40 at Cahaba river bridge, 7 1/2 miles from here, at 7:50 o'clock yesterday morning and 20 lives were lost.

That number of bodies have been recovered from the wreckage and were taken to the morgue for identification.

The following have so far been identified:

Frank White of Birmingham, engaged, aged 40, leaves a wife and five children.

A. P. Connell of Holmes, confederate, aged 36, leaves a wife and two children.

George Carter of Birmingham, confederate, leaves a wife and child.

James Bell of Birmingham, confederate, leaves a wife and child.

Mrs. Henry Haubert of Birmingham, leaves two children.

W. H. H. of Birmingham, leaves a wife and child.

Dr. L. N. Powers of Bloomington and his wife, Mrs. Emma Powers, and two children.

Mrs. R. Little of Bloomington.

Mrs. Gardner of Bloomington and his wife and daughter.

One unidentified body, but supposed to be Tom Struther, a colored porter.

The ill-fated train was a local passenger train which left here at 6:30 a. m., and was scheduled to make a stop at the Birmingham Mineral station, which is a branch line of the Louisville and Nashville, reaching all the important mining towns in the district. The train, consisting of an engine, baggage car and two passenger cars, was in the middle of the bridge when it collapsed.

The bridge was built only three years ago and was reported as very strong structure. The main span and the span just beyond it both made of iron and were supported by steel trestles.

The engine landed on the side almost at right angles to the track and the two passenger cars were hurled into the water.

The entire wreck took fire soon afterward and was rapidly burned to a cinder.

Nine persons were rescued alive from all who went down and several of them will probably die.

The first news of the wreck was brought to Hargrove, a telegraph station four miles from the Cahaba river, by a farmer who said that while passing near the place he heard a crash.

Going nearer he saw the two spans of the bridge broken off and the wreckage in the burning wreckage in the shallow water below. He could hear the screams of the wounded and saw one of his horses running to Hargrove, where the operator telegraphed to Birmingham.

When the train from Birmingham arrived there was little need for the army of physicians that had gone ahead. The wounded were taken to the hospital and then sent to Bloomington for further attention. The work of taking out the dead was continued up to 11 o'clock.

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DOWN IN COAL MINE.

SIX MEN MEET AN UNTIMELY
DEATH.

Another Man Reported Missing—

Eight Men Rescued, Some of
Them Badly Injured.

All May Recover—Afterdamp Pre-

vents a Search Being Made

of The Mine

For The Missing Body—Names of
The Victims.

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 29.—One year ago the people of this section were celebrating the discovery of coal in this country. Today they mourn the death of seven men, caused by an explosion of gas, ignited in some manner unknown to the miners.

Fifteen or sixteen men went down in the mine.

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CHICAGO. BANKER SUICIDE.

He Could Not Stand the Suffering Caused
by Financial Failure.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Suffering from depression caused by financial reverses, Otto Wassenaar, a well known banker of this city, yesterday fired a bullet into his brain and died almost instantly.

Banker Wassenaar killed himself in a front hall bedroom at his home in Cleveland avenue at 11 o'clock in the morning. His son William, 15, and Otto, Jr., who were in the parlor behind their father's bedroom, heard the report of the revolver and rushed upstairs. Running into the room the horrified men beheld their father lying on the bed dying, a revolver lying at his side. He had shot himself in the right temple, and a stream of blood was flowing down his cheek. Everything in the room was in perfect order. The deed apparently had been deliberately planned.

Wassenaar was a member of the private banking firm of Wassenaar & Holman, which failed a week ago as a result of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois. The failure of his bank had cost him \$250,000. Wassenaar had also recently accepted his wife, who is ill. After breakfast with his family, with whom he lived pleasantly, he glanced over his bank books and found that he was in a constant troubled state of mind. Yesterday morning the banker appeared brighter and less troubled in mind than usual. He was in the habit of going to work every day at 10 o'clock, and he was in the habit of going to work every day at 10 o'clock.

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Dr. Hall's Pink-Tan-Honey keeps you from coughing all night

